

a supplement to *The Curb Appeal Guide*

# sussexstyle

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for painting

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parking!*





# make an entrance!

## *with decorative porch designs*



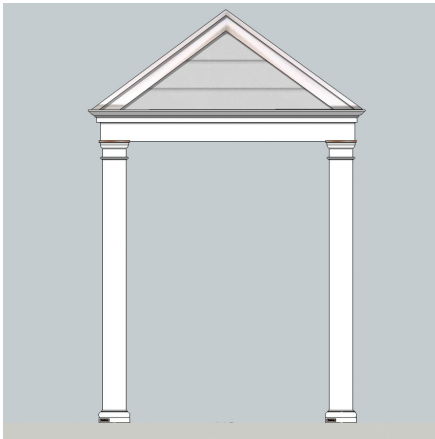
Porches and entry ways are sometimes the most dominant features that draw attention to your home. The front porch is the first impression of your property and can make a significant difference in how your home is perceived.

- Take the time to concentrate on this important focal point. Use the appropriate style, size and applied finishes. The side porch should replicate or compliment the front porch.
- Create an entry that is inviting and also provides security and privacy.

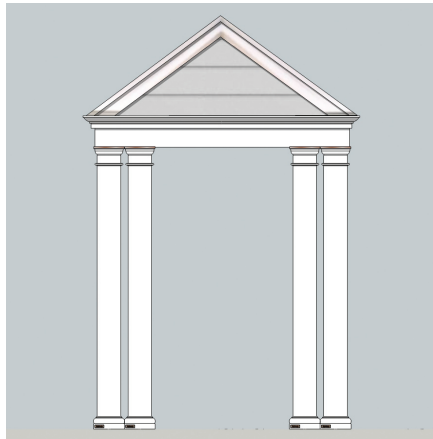
## *examples of entry enhancements*

The following are appropriate examples of A-framed Entry enhancements:

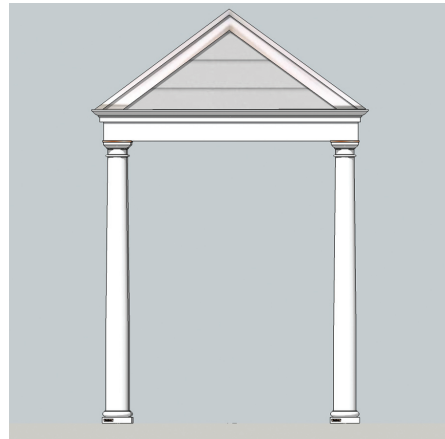
add-frame with single columns



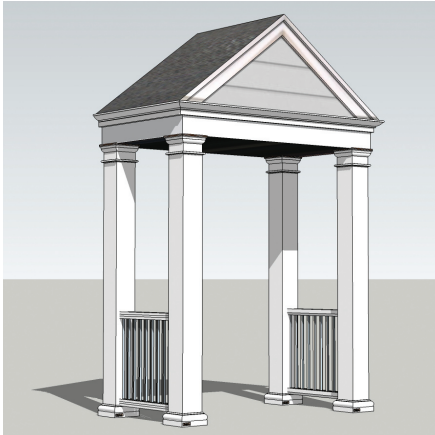
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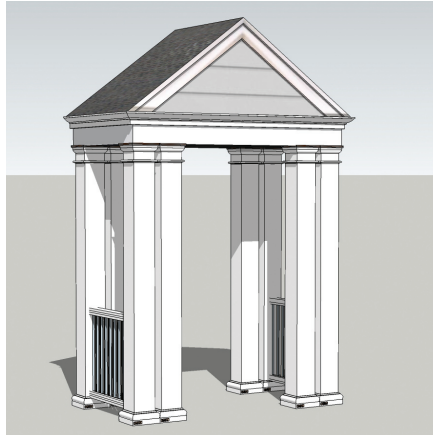
with single, rounded columns



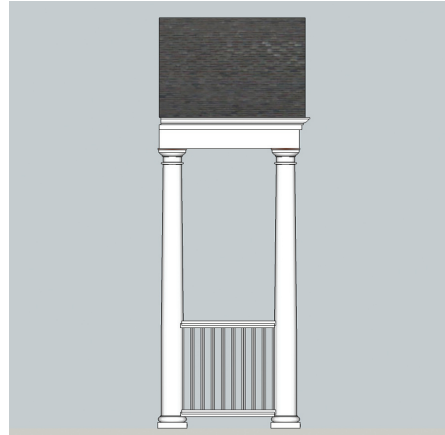
add-frame with columns & rails



with double columns & rails



with rounded columns & rails



# decorative entrance features

Decorative entrance features such as lighting, mailboxes, door and window enhancements can add character and enhance the natural architecture of your home.

Entrance doors and windows can be given new prominence by adding pediments and moldings. Examples of decorative features include:

- Rams Head Pediment
- Acorn Pediment
- Crosshead with Trim
- Sunburst Pediment



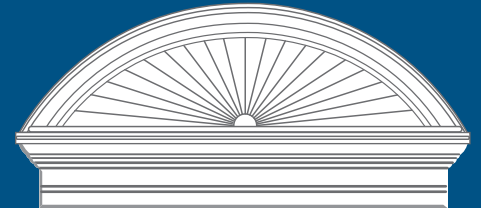
Rams Head Pediment



Acorn Pediment



Crosshead with Trim



Sunburst Pediment



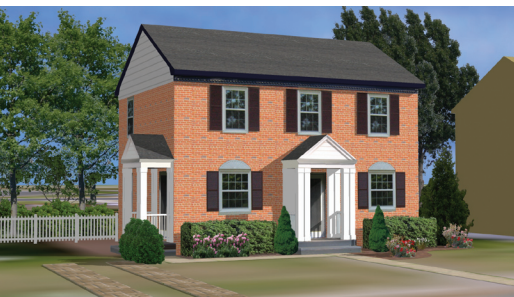
The re-pointing (touching up mortar) of brick is most effective in repairing the existing façade of a brick exterior. Repointing is necessary whenever mortar has lost 1/4 inch of its original depth.



# 5 easy color combos for painting



- Creating a color palette that enhances the style and architecture of your home is vital to the beauty and cohesiveness of the neighborhood.
- An English Village theme was recommended in the Sussex Plan. The Martin Senour's Williamsburg Color Palette (see swatches below) was selected with that rich history in mind.
- This color palette also can be achieved by other paint companies that carry similar colors which create the same result.
- There are five color choices recommended for painting brick exteriors, with an additional five choices for the windows/trim and the doors/shutters. Although not pictured, black is also a recommended color choice for the doors and shutters.



## pick your color scheme

The recommended paint color combinations in Martin Senour's Williamsburg color palette:

	scheme 1	scheme 2	scheme 3	scheme 4	scheme 5
brick	 CW410	 CW616	 CW803	 CW305	 CW710
windows/trim	 CW707	 CW305	 CW808	 CW308	 CW816
doors/shutters	 CW110	 CW113	 CW617	 CW113	 CW616



# *park it: get off-street parking!*

A balance of on- and off-street parking is important to a healthy neighborhood. The addition of off-street parking will add an openness to the streets and allow easy access in and out of the neighborhood. It also enhances the visual appearance by drawing more attention to the architecture and beauty of the brick homes.

examples of proper driveway placements:

option 1:  
driveway pad



option 2:  
strip driveway



## design

- Standard driveway – a 10 foot wide parking pad.
- Strip driveway - a 1-2 foot wide strip approximately 3-3½ feet apart with overall range of 5-7 feet.

## placement

- Placement of the driveway should be located off the front corner adjacent to the side entry.
- The driveway should not be placed directly in front of the house.

## materials

- Standard or strip driveway material can include brick pavers or colored, stamped or aggregate concrete. Basic white concrete may be permitted as an alternative.
- Appropriate insert materials for strip driveways include grass/groundcover, brick pavers or mulch.

In option 1, the “driveway pad,” the driveway is located off the corner of the house. The driveway pad may be extended if lot size permits.

In option 2, the “strip driveway,” two strips are located off the corner of the house and are approximately 3-3½ feet apart.



# spruce it up: *landscaping design options*

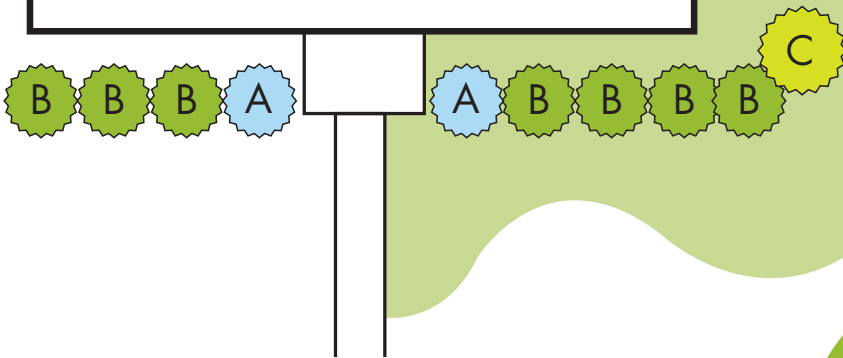


Landscaping softens and enhances the architecture and design of your home. The following examples of landscape plans offers basic, modest and deluxe design choices for those who want to get started. They also can be completed in stages if you prefer.

## *tips*

1. Set a budget
2. Choose appropriate plants
3. Take this plan to any local nursery or home improvement store to get started!
4. Enjoy!

## basic plan



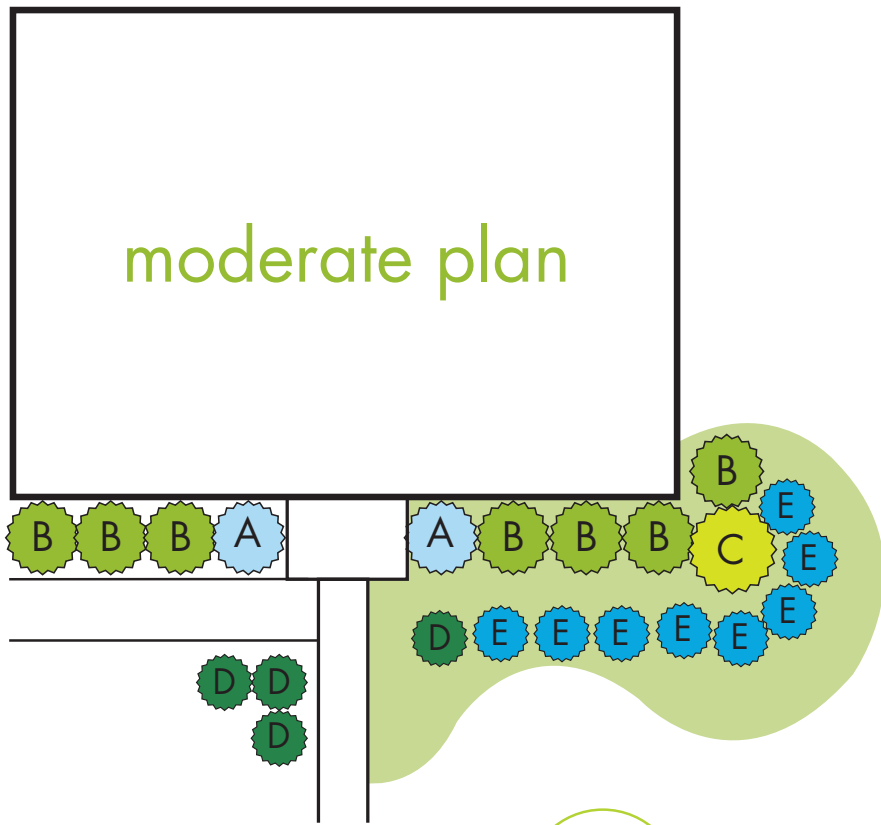
a color coded key is on following page...

## *plant placement*

- All plant material should be 3 – 4 feet from foundation of the home. At plant maturity this distance permits easy access to the house.
- Adequate spacing between plants is dependent on plant type, but usually a minimum of 3-4 feet is adequate for foundation planting.
- Plant material should be grouped by species/type in odd numbers or no more than 3 plants.
- Proper plant material should be a mixture of evergreen and ornamental shrubs.
- Perennials/Annuals can be added for seasonal color.



*landscaping for different budgets*



**feature upright evergreen**

Dwarf Hinoki False Cypress  
Japanese Pieris

### low foundation shrubs

Encore Azalea  
 Dwarf Yaupon Holly  
 Compact Abelia

**corner accent evergreen**

Foster Holly  
Camelia  
Japanese Cedar "Black Dragon"

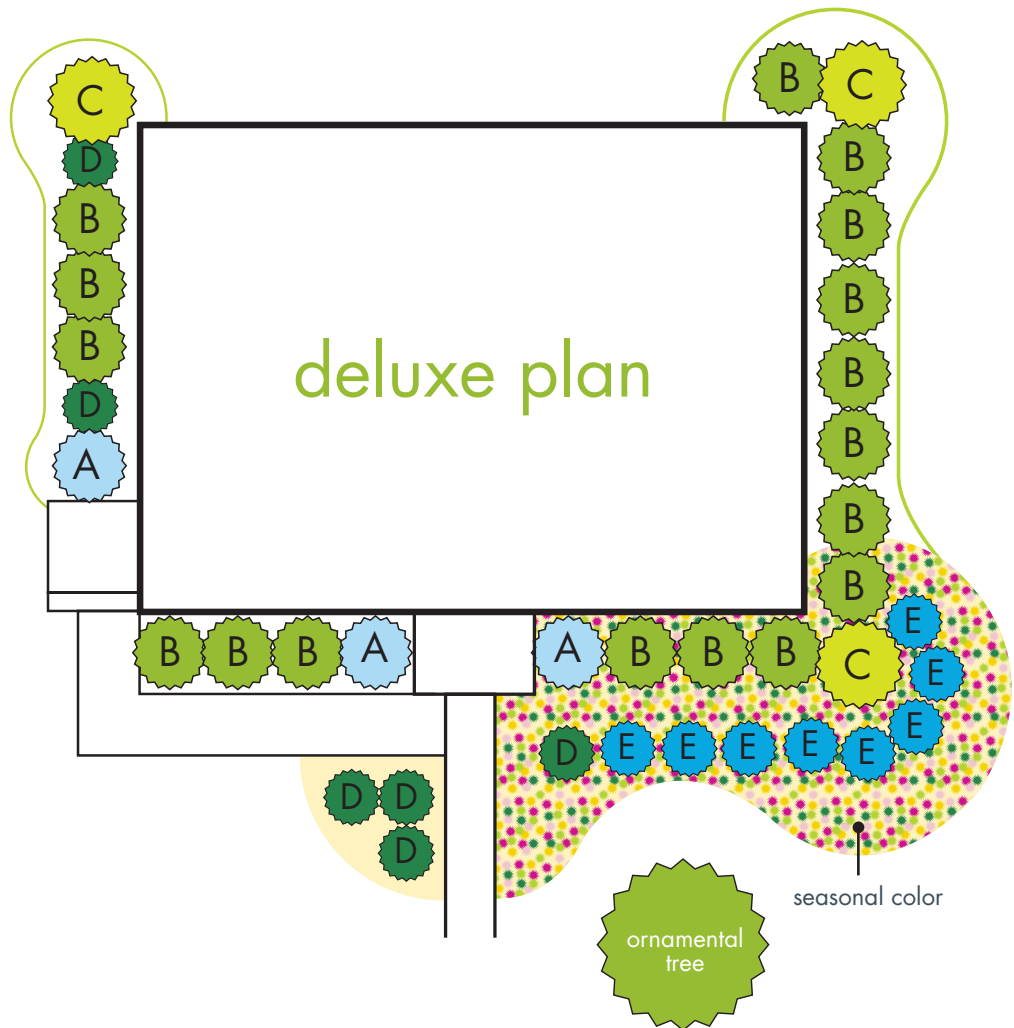
## low evergreen accent

Firepower Nandina  
Gulf Stream Nandina  
Hidcote Hypericum

## accent shrub

Knockout Rose  
Butterfly Bush (compact)

\*size at maturity



seasonal color



# 5 steps *to selecting a contractor*

If the work you are considering is valued at \$1,000 or more, a valid Virginia Contractor's License is required for the license category in which the contractor is to work. Licensed contractors are subject to laws designed to protect the consumer. By hiring a licensed contractor, you become eligible to receive monetary compensation from in case of improper or dishonest conduct. Licensed contractors possess the necessary education and experience to perform competently.

# 1

## **What Kind Do You Need?**

There are more than 40 different types of contractor licenses, including general and specialty contractors. General building contractors usually oversee projects and coordinate the specific subcontractors for a job. One of the best ways to select a licensed contractor is to seek out personal recommendations from friends or relatives who recently had work of the type you want completed.

# 2

## **Check the Contractor's License**

Is the contractor properly licensed? A license number in an advertisement or on a business card does not necessarily mean the contractor's license is valid. Contact the Board for Contractors at (804) 367-8511, or check our website at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov), to make sure the contractor is properly licensed to perform the work you want.

# 3

## **Check the Contractor's References**

Ask the contractor for local references, and call them to see if they were satisfied with the contractor's work. If possible, go out and look at finished projects. Remember, the person you hire to work on your home will be a part of your home and your life until the job is completed.

Ask the contractor for the address of his or her business location and business telephone number, and verify them with the Board for Contractors.

# 4

## **Get Bids**

A bid is an offer to do work. It is advisable to get at least three written bids or estimates using identical plans and specifications so you can compare prices and contractors. Discuss bids in detail with each contractor, and be sure you understand the reasons for any variations in price.

# 5

## **Sign the Contract**

Although you might assume that a "contract" should look like a contract, anything you sign could be used by a contractor as authorization to go forward with your project. Do not sign anything until you completely understand what you are signing, and agree to all the terms.

Virginia law requires all licensed contractors to provide a written contract for residential work. Since a written contract protects you and the contractor, all agreements should be put in writing. It should include everything you have agreed upon and the extent of work to be done. If you intend to do some of the work yourself or hire another contractor to do it, this also should be written into the contract. Be as specific as possible.

Be sure the financial terms of the contract are clear. The contract should include the total price, when payments will be made, and whether there is a cancellation penalty. On any home improvement job, you should expect to make a downpayment, but try to limit your deposit to no more than 30% of the total price. If you have any questions or do not understand something, ask before you sign.

This information is meant to be instructional – to assist in selecting a contractor. For more information, contact the Virginia Department of Occupational Regulation at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov) or (804) 367-8500.

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